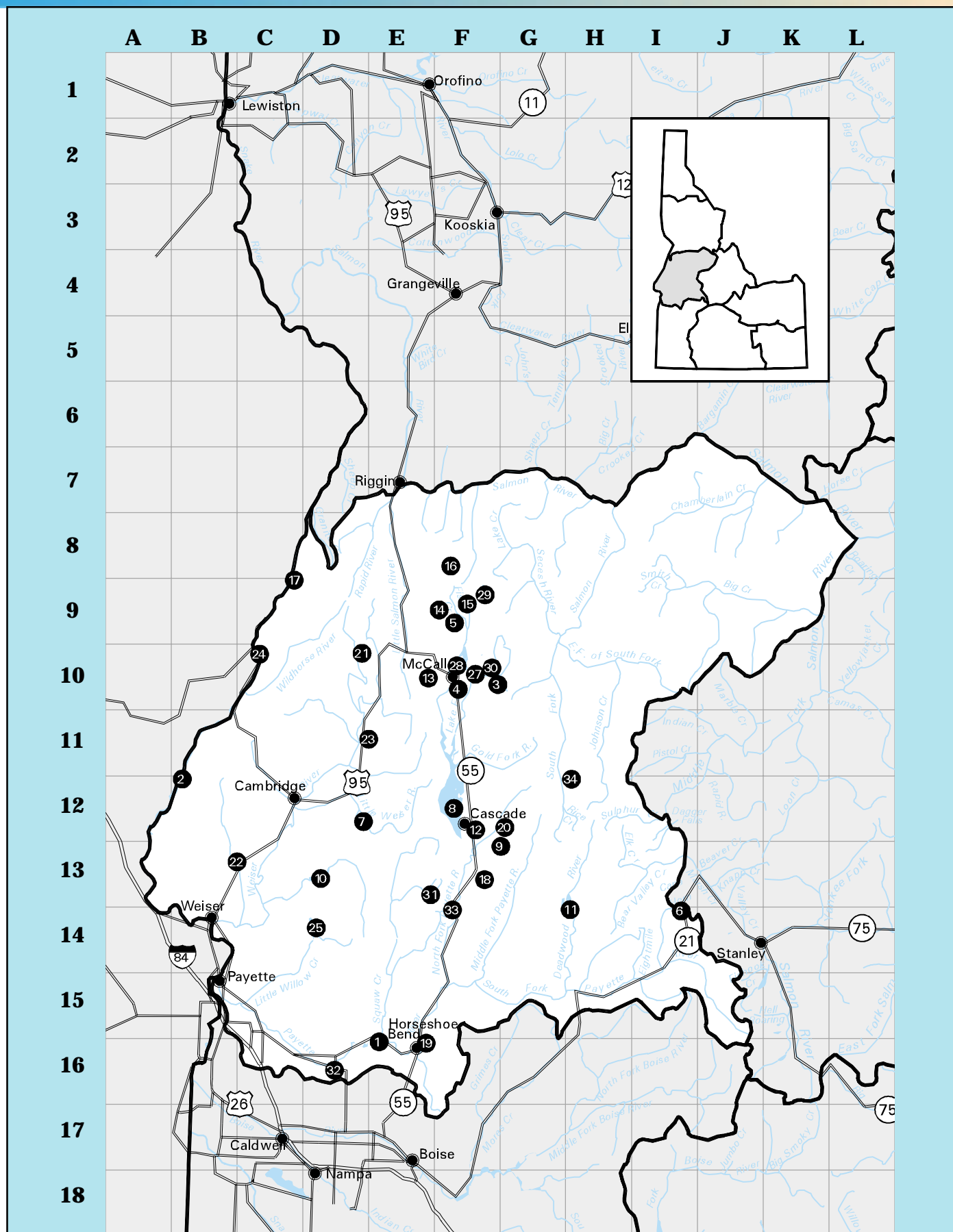


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| 1. Black Canyon Reservoir (1,000) | E7 | | | | | | | | | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 2. Brownlee Reservoir (15,000) | B13 | | | | | | | | I | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 3. Browns Pond (80) | F11 | ◆ | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Browns (Airport) Pond (3) | F11 | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Brundage Reservoir (340) | F10 | | | | | | I | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 6. Bulltrout and Martin Lake (90) | I15 | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | | I | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ▲ | ☆ | |
| 7. C. Ben Ross Reservoir (350) | D13 | | | | | | | | | | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 8. Cascade Reservoir (30,000) | F13 | | | | | I | | I | I | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 9. Corral Creek Reservoir (40) | F14 | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Crane Creek Reservoir (3,270) | D14 | | | | | | | | | | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 11. Deadwood Reservoir (3,000) | H15 | | | ◆ | I | | I | ◆ | I | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 12. Fischer Pond | F13 | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Fish Lake | E11 | | | | | | I | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Goose Lake (520) | F10 | ◆ | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 15. Granite Lake (195) | F10 | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 16. Hazard Lake (120) | F10 | ◆ | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ |
| 17. Hells Canyon Reservoir (2,500) | C10 | | | | | | | | I | | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ☆ | ▲ | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 18. Herrick Reservoir (30) | F14 | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19. Horseshoe Bend Pond (12) | E17 | | | | | | | | I | | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | ◆ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 20. Horsethief Reservoir (275) | G14 | ◆ | I | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | ▲ | ✓ | ▲ | ☆ | |
| 21. Lost Valley Reservoir (800) | D11 | ◆ | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | ▲ | ▲ | ▲ | ▲ | |
| 22. Mann Creek (Spangler) Reservoir (281) | B14 | | | | | | | | I | | | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 23. Ol' McDonald Pond | D12 | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 24. Oxbow Reservoir (1,500) | C11 | | | | | | | | I | | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ☆ | ▲ | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 25. Paddock Valley Reservoir (1,500) | D15 | | | | | | | | | | | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 26. Payette Lakes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27. Little Payette Lake (1,400) | F11 | ◆ | | | | | | ◆ | | I | | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 28. Big Payette Lake (5,300) | F11 | | | | | | I | ◆ | ◆ | I | | | | | | | | | | | | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | ☆ | |
| 29. Upper Payette Lake (300) | F10 | ◆ | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | ▲ | | ▲ | ☆ | |
| 30. Rowlands (Scout) Ponds (5) | F11 | | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 31. Sagehen Reservoir (100) | E15 | | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 32. Sawyers Pond (5) | D17 | | | | | | | | | I | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 33. Tripod Reservoir (8) | F15 | | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ▲ | |
| 34. Warm Lake (640) | H13 | ◆ | | | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | I | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | ▲ | ▲ | ▲ | ☆ | |



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| Payette River | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snake River to Black Canyon Reservoir | D17 | | | | | | | | | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ✓ | | | | |
| Black Canyon Reservoir to South Fork | E16 | | | | | | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ▲ | ☆ | |
| Gold Fork | F13 | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ▲ | |
| Lake Fork | F12 | ◆ | | | | | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Middle Fork | G15 | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | | I | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ☆ | ☆ | |
| North Fork | F15 | ◆ | | | | | ◆ | | I | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ▲ | |
| South Fork | G16 | ◆ | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ☆ | ☆ | |
| Salmon River | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Fork of South Fork | H11 | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
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| Salmon River, Little to South Fork | E10 | | | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | | | | | | | ▲ | | ▲ | ☆ | |
| Little Salmon River | E9 | ◆ | | ◆ | I | | | | I | I | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Weiser River | C14 | ◆ | | | | | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ▲ | |
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| West Fork | E11 | ◆ | | | | | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Wildhorse River | D11 | ◆ | | | | | | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Fishing Streams for Whitefish

An underutilized gamefish in Idaho is the mountain whitefish. They live, like trout, in cool, clear streams and in the summer are often caught by trout anglers. However, they are especially popular in the winter as an off season fishery. They hold in deeper pools and feed at the tail of riffles. Anglers can find success drifting small hooks baited with maggots or natural insect nymphs on the bottom.

Fly fishing for whitefish is also popular using weighted, artificial nymph patterns. Sinking line carries the nymph toward the bottom. Some anglers prefer a floating line with a small strike indicator near the leader attachment, then add a small sinker to pull the nymph to the bottom. This method makes it easier to see the light strike of the whitefish. Whitefish may grow to five pounds or so, but are typically about a pound. A good tackle choice is a light-weight fly rod and line to enhance your experience.

Whitefish can easily be substituted into your favorite trout recipe. However, since these fish have larger scales, you will want to scrape or fillet them before cooking. Smoked whitefish are delicious and a long-time Idaho favorite.



Stonefly nymph



Chironomid nymph

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Seasoned Anglers Pursue Huge, Prehistoric White Sturgeon

In the Snake River system in southern and western Idaho, experienced anglers pursue white sturgeon, the largest American game fish. The allure of catching sturgeon has something to do with catching a big fish — mature sturgeon can exceed six feet in length — and having the chance to see a modern-day “dinosaur.”

White sturgeon have survived in large river systems in the West for 150 million to 200 million years. Today, they can be found up and down the West Coast, from the Fraser River in British Columbia to the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington to points south of San Diego, California. Idaho's sturgeon population is one of 18 landlocked populations in the Pacific Northwest.

Popular fishing destinations for white sturgeon along the Snake River include Hells Canyon to Lewiston, C.J. Strike Reservoir to Swan Falls, Bliss to C.J. Strike, points below Swan Falls, and areas below American Falls Reservoir.

All sturgeon fishing is catch and release, and sturgeon may not be removed from the water.

Sturgeon are bottom-feeders. They have a large, vacuum-like mouth and no teeth. They feed on a wide variety of fare, including mussels, crayfish, worms, fish roe, live fish, salmon carcasses, spawn and smolt.

Anglers may take as much as an hour or more to land a large sturgeon. They use heavy gear, such as a 10- to 13-foot fishing pole, 30- to 50-pound test line and a variety of bait, including squid, shrimp, herring and other fish. It's good to try to match the food source that sturgeon may be feeding on in the body of water of your choice.

Sturgeon do not reproduce often - only once every five to 10 years. Young fish grow quickly, but after an initial spurt, they only grow about 1.5 to 2 inches per year. Fish that exceed seven feet in length are about 30-40 years old, and fish that exceed 10 feet are 60-70 years old. Some sturgeon live past 100 years.

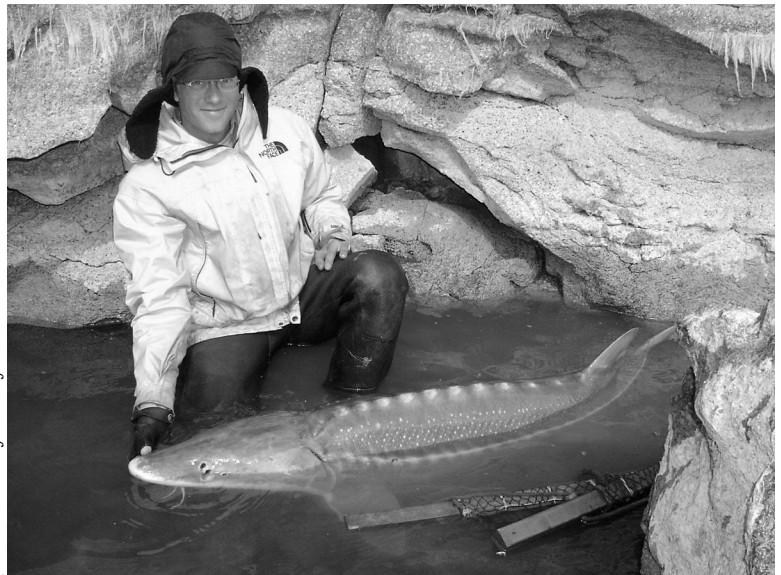
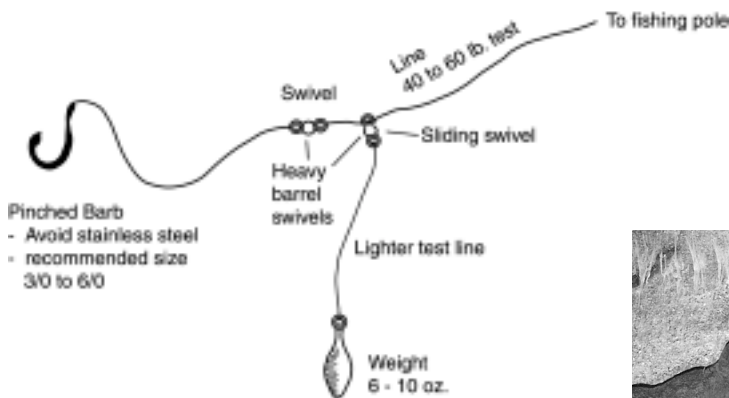


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